

Post Office

Gather, lay out, and gradually add:

Table for sorting mail
'mail slots' > empty cereal or shoe boxes all taped together, labeled with names
Cards, Postcards, Envelopes
'Stamps' (stickers and/or labels)
Pens, pencils
Globe
scale
Boxes (all sizes), stuffing, and packing tape
Canvas bags to carry the mail (and dog treats)
Junk mail (still sealed)
Computer key board

Pretend Scenario to try:

Inside or Outside (but really fun to do outside)

- Have students make a bunch of mail for each other. Then everyone gets an area that is to be their house. Then they take turns being the postman who delivers the mail right to their 'house'.

Maintaining basics:

Cleaning supplies for 'cleaning' the shop
Coffee pot with cups & a lunch box (for the workers)

- Dress-Up portion:
Postmen outfits (police hats work for this too)
Blue vests, black shoes

Activities:

- Go to the post office on a field trip or have a Postman make a visit (with mail)
- Make mail, post cards, and address books
- Make a mail shoot
- Sort the mail
- Take pictures of the children this week and make postcards. Send them to grandparents.
- Load up the mail in the canvas bags and they can deliver it (inside or outside)

Décor:

The children's artwork
Maps & flags
Postcards from other states
The eagle symbol